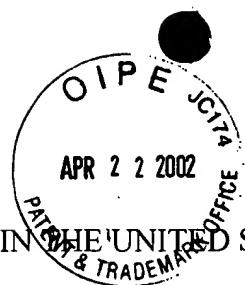


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Yoshihide HAGIWARA

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOLIC COFFEE DRINKS

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 22, 2002

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2001, a reply being due on or before May 10, 2002, by virtue of the concurrently filed petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the petition fee for a two-month extension, 37 CFR 1.17(b).

Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1. (Thrice amended) A process for the production of an alcoholic drink having coffee flavor from an extraction residue of roasted coffee beans, which comprises adding a saccharide to the extraction residue of roasted coffee beans and fermenting the resulting mixture in the presence of wine yeast for the brewing of alcoholic wine liquors.

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